

TennCare

TennCare and TennCare Partners follow a federal law called Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). EPSDT gives children up to age 21 the right to the treatment they need. Treatment includes physical health, normal development, and mental health services. TennCare health plans must tell families about these services and offer to help get appointments and rides when necessary. TennCare health plans must cover four types of health checks for children, including medical check-ups, hearing check-ups, eye examinations, and dental check-ups. All of the health plans allow children to receive these check-ups annually.

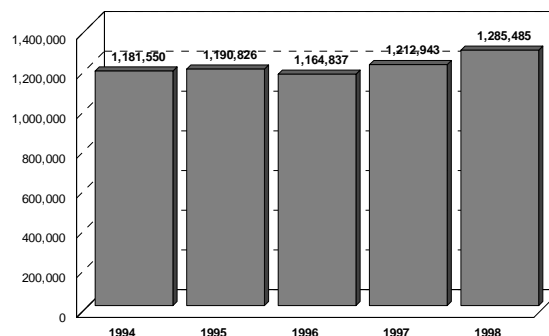
Medical check-ups must include:

- ✓ Questions about the child's past health.
- ✓ A complete study of the child's growth and development, both mental and physical.
- ✓ A physical exam without clothes.
- ✓ Any shots a child may need.
- ✓ Lab tests, including a blood test for lead, if needed.
- ✓ Advice on how to keep a child healthy.

TennCare plans must cover more than just doctor and hospital care for children; they must also help pay for:

- ✓ Case management.
- ✓ Personal care.
- ✓ Dental care.
- ✓ Rehabilitation (including speech therapy, physical therapy, and mental health rehabilitation).
- ✓ Medical equipment.
- ✓ Home health care.
- ✓ Private duty nursing.
- ✓ Respirator care.
- ✓ Organ transplants.
- ✓ Hospice care.
- ✓ Any other type of remedial care recognized by state law and done by someone licensed to do it (Legal Aid Society, 1998).

Total Population Enrolled in TennCare September 1994-September 1998



Source: Bureau of TennCare, Tennessee Department of Health

TennCare Coverage By Rate Category September 1998

Rate Category	Medicaid Eligibles	Uninsured/ Uninsurable eligibles	Totals
Less than 1 year old	29,684	4,147	33,831
Ages 1 to 13	272,624	102,602	375,226
Ages 14 to 44 (male)	47,159	87,077	134,236
Ages 14 to 44 (female)	164,260	111,806	276,066
Ages 45 to 64	9,967	83,862	93,829
Ages 65 and over	5,063	8,290	13,353
Medicaid/Medicare Duals	162,971	12,817	175,788
Aid to Blind/disabled	150,591	32,565	183,156
Totals	842,319	443,166	1,285,485

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